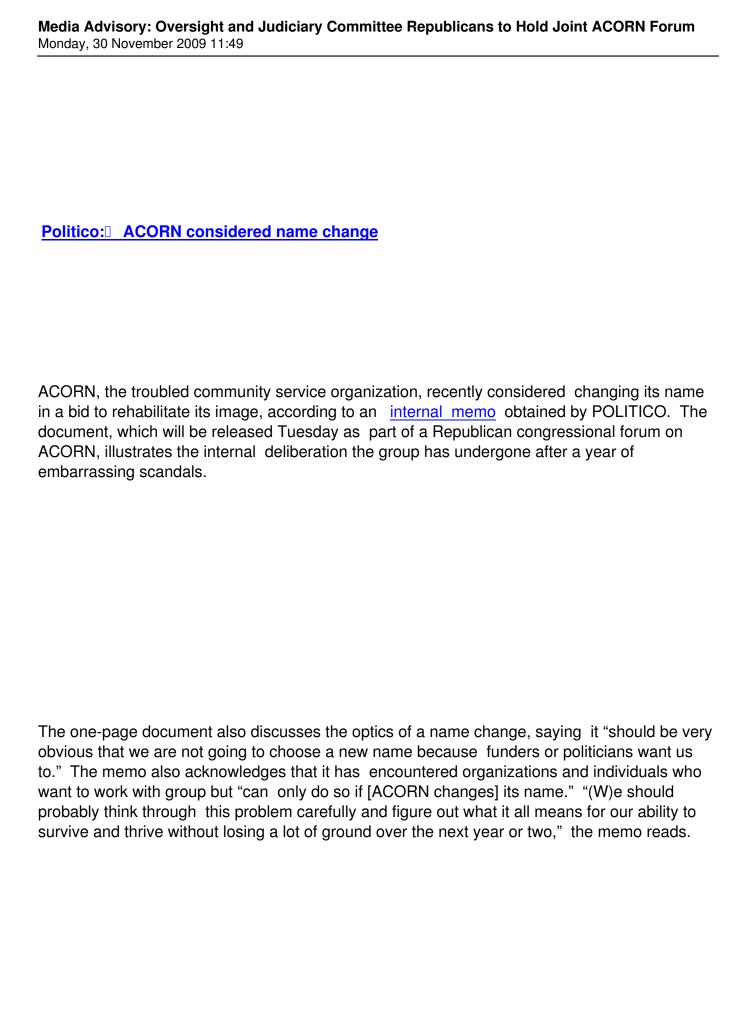
| Washington, D.C. – Republican Members of the House Judiciary and Oversight and Government Reform Committees will host a forum TOMORROW at 2:30 P.M. ET in 2237 Rayburn |
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| examining new details that have come to light regarding the inner-workings of ACORN. |
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| Witness List: |
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| - David Caldwell—Deputy Director of the Criminal Division for the Louisiana Attorney |
| General's Office - Todd Rokita—Indiana Secretary of State |
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| Hans A. von Spakovsky—Former Member of the Federal Election Commission and Senior Legal Fellow at the Heritage Foundation |
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The federal government has given more than \$50 million to ACORN since 1994, much of it in the form of HUD grants. The ranking Republican on the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Rep. Darrell Issa, R-Calif., blasted the DOJ opinion as "political cronyism."

"The bipartisan intent of Congress was clear – no more federal dollars should flow to ACORN," Issa said. "It is telling that this administration continues to look for every excuse possible to circumvent the intent of Congress. Taxpayers should not have to continue subsidizing a criminal enterprise that helped Barack Obama get elected president. The politicization of the Justice Department to pay back one of the president's political allies is shameful and amounts to nothing more than old-fashioned cronyism."

Fox News: ACORN Can Receive Pending Federal Payments, Justice Department Says

The Obama administration can legally pay the embattled community organizing group ACORN for services performed under contracts before Congress banned the government from providing money to the group, the Justice Department has declared. The Obama administration legally can pay the embattled community organizing group ACORN for services performed under contracts approved before Congress banned the government from providing money to the group, the Justice Department has declared.

| Boston Globe: Republican blasts ACORN reprieve | |
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